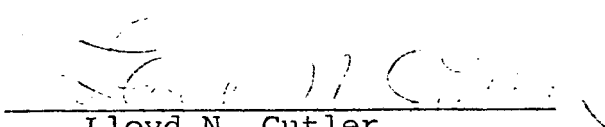


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I have reviewed the classified intelligence relating to the support provided to the Salvadoran guerrilla forces by Nicaragua and Cuba. I have also reviewed the conclusions drawn by the analysts, and have had an opportunity to test these conclusions in direct discussion. I am satisfied that this intelligence justifies the inescapable conclusion that the Nicaraguan Government is materially assisting the Salvadoran guerrillas to organize and command their forces, and that it is providing them with the bulk of their military weapons and the means of their delivery. On the basis of this evidence, I am also satisfied that a substantial portion of these weapons are supplied to Nicaragua via Cuba, and that the Cuban Government is directly participating in Nicaragua's military assistance to the Salvadoran guerrillas. Based on my own experience as an intelligence analyst and user, I also agree that public disclosure of this intelligence would pose an unreasonable risk of compromising the continuing availability of its sources.

March 10, 1982

  
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